

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A door assembly, comprising:
a door;
a handle provided on a side of the door; and
a plurality of handle holders each having an end fixed to the door and another end attached to the handle, wherein the end fixed to the door comprises:
a handle holder member extended to the handle; and
a supporting member protruded downwards on a lower surface of the handle holder member and receivable within a groove provided in the door, preventing damage from occurring on the handle holder,
wherein the supporting member is disposed between the handle and a securing mechanism configured to secure a corresponding handle holder to the side of the door so as to absorb a force applied to the handle and reinforce a strength of the handle holder.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein the supporting member is located on a contacting surface between the handle holder and the door.

4. (Original) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein a width of the supporting member is smaller than that of the handle holder.

5. (Currently Amended) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein the supporting member ~~is integrated with~~ and the handle holder are a single piece.

6. (Original) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein a groove for inserting the supporting member is formed on the door.

7. (Original) The door assembly according to claim 6, wherein a depth of the groove is the same as a thickness of the supporting member.

8. (Original) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein the handle holder is fixed to the door by a fixing part penetrating the handle holder.

9. (Original) The door assembly according to claim 8, wherein the fixing part is a screw.

10. (Currently Amended) The door assembly according to claim 9, wherein the securing mechanism comprises at least two screws ~~are~~ provided to fix the handle holder to the door.

11. (Previously Presented) The door assembly according to claim 10, wherein the supporting member is located at a surrounding region of a hole through which the screws are penetrated.

12. (Previously Presented) The door assembly according to claim 11, wherein the supporting member is located on a lower surface of a surrounding region of a hole through which a screw closer to the handle is penetrated.

13. (Original) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein the door is a sliding door.

14. (Previously Presented) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein the handle is located on a front side of the refrigerator.

15. (Previously Presented) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein the handle holder is located on each side of the handle.

16. (Currently Amended) A handle assembly for a door, comprising:
a handle; and

a plurality of handle holders each having an end fixed to a door and another end attached to the handle, wherein the end fixed to the door comprises:

a handle holder member extended to the handle; and

a supporting member protruded downwards at a lower surface of each handle holder member and receivable within a groove provided in the door,

wherein the supporting member is disposed between the handle and a securing mechanism configured to secure a corresponding handle holder to the side of the door so as to absorb a force applied to the handle and reinforce a strength of the handle holder.

17. (Previously Presented) The door assembly according to claim 1, wherein the door assembly is for a refrigerator.

18. (Previously Presented) The handle assembly according to claim 16, wherein the handle assembly is for a refrigerator.

19. (New) The handle assembly according to claim 16, wherein the supporting member and the handle holder are a single piece.